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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO LOURENCO MARQUES, PRETORIA,  
THE HAGUE FROM LONDON MAY 25 REPEATED YOU:

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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN SANCTION BUSTING

1. LONDON DAILY MIRROR OF MAY 24 CARRIES REPORT FROM  
AMSTERDAM CLAIMING THAT TWO MIRROR REPORTERS HAVE UN-  
COVERED CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH BRITISH FIRMS AS WELL AS  
OTHERS IN NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE AND JAPAN HAVE BEEN  
SENDING GOODS TO RHODESIA. ACCORDING TO MIRROR REPORT,  
SHIPPING AGENCY CALLED ZEPHYR HOLLAND TRANSITO NV AT  
MESINGE, AMSTERDAM IS AT CENTER OF SANCTION BUSTING  
OPERATION. AGENCY WHICH STARTED ONLY THREE YEARS AGO,  
NOW HAS MORE THAN THIRTY FIRMS AS CLIENTS. GOODS  
SHIPPED RANGE FROM MACHINE TOOLS, SPARE PARTS AND  
CHEMICALS TO PERFUMES, FRENCH WINES AND TOYS. VALUE  
OF MERCHANDISE HANDLED FOR RHODESIAN CLIENTS IS SAID TO  
EXCEED 50,000 POUNDS STERLING PER MONTH.

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2. ACCORDING TO MIRROR ARTICLE, NORMAL METHOD OF OPERATING IS FOR ZEPHYR TO APPROACH SUPPLIER FIRMS DIRECTLY. BRITISH OR OTHER FOREIGN FIRMS THEN CONSIGN GOODS TO SMALL EUROPEAN PORT WHERE SOUTH AFRICA-BOUND SHIPS TAKE THEM TO A PORT IN MOZAMBIQUE FOR OVERLAND SHIPMENT TO RHODESIA. ZEPHYR MAKES PAYMENT TO THE SUPPLIER IN US DOLLARS OR STERLING SO THAT MANUFACTURER DOES NOT KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE ULTIMATE CONSIGNEE.

3. COPIES OF MIRROR ARTICLE BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND THE HAGUE.

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